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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegations on irregularities in execution of five (5) works in Gajapathinagaram (M), Vizianagaram District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt. K.Rama Mani, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Gajapathinagaram, Vizianagaram District – Regular inquiry conducted - Charges held proved in the regular inquiry – Finalization of the disciplinary proceedings by imposing the punishment of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.444** **Dated:03.08.2023.**

**Read the following:**

1. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Letter No.. Vig.I(10/ 748236/2017, dated: 30.01.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1239, P.R.&R.D (Vig.I)Department, Dt: 06.11.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1241, PR.&RD(Vig.I) Department, Dt: 06.11.2018.
4. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Letter No. Vig.I (1)/ 748236/2017, dated:24.06.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.713, PR&RD (Vig-I) Department, Dt: 21.11.2019.
6. From Sri P. Vijaya Kumar, EE, PR (PIU), Vizianagaram and the S.E, PR, Vizianagaram (FAC), Letter Rc. No. 28/2018/A1, dt:08.07.2020.
7. G.O.Rt.No. 503, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 28.08.2020.
8. From the SE, PR, Visaskhapatnam and E.O, Letter Rc.No. C/1189/2019/ A4, dated: 22.09.2021 (enquiry report)
9. Govt.Memo.No.5002/Vig.I/2018-6,PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 17.11.2021 (EO's report communicated memo)
10. Govt.Memo.No.5002/Vig.I/2018-7,PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 17.11.2021 (requested the ENC, PR to apportion amount among 3 COs)
11. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/ 748236/2017, dated:07.12.2021.
12. From Smt. K. Rama Mani, former MPDO, Gajapathinagaram and working as MPDO, MPP, Ramabadrapuram, Vizianagaram District, representation dt: 10.03.2022.
13. Govt. Memo No. 5002/ Vig. I/2018-10, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dated: 28.10.2022.
14. From Smt. K. Rama Mani, former MPDO, Gajapathinagram and presently working as MPDO, MPP, Ramabadrapuram, dt: 24.4.2023.

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**ORDER:-**

In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, common disciplinary proceedings initiated duly framing article of charges against Smt.K.Rama Mani, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Gajapathinagaram, Vizianagaram District, under Rule-24 and Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of five (5) works by spending Rs.4.18 lakhs under Mandal Parishad Grant in Bangarampeta and Bhoodevipeta villages in Gajapathinagaram(M), Vizianagaram District, with a direction to submit her written statement of defence to the Government.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department has furnished the written statement of defence of the charged officer, Smt. K. Rama Mani, the then MPDO, to the Government for taking further action in the matter. As the WSD is not convincing, Government

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have taken decision to conduct regular inquiry into the charge framed against the above charged officer and also against two (2) other co-charged officers viz.,Sri M. Madhusudhana Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer, Gajapathinagaram and Sri D.Sivaram, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Gajapathinagaram (Retd.) who are also involved in the case.

3. In the reference 5th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram as the Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the all the (3) charged officers in the matter. Subsequently, Government after considering the report received in the reference 6th read above, have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam as the Inquiry Authority vide reference 7th read above in place of the Superintending Engineer, PR, Vizianagaram.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Visakhapatnam and Inquiry Authority has submitted inquiry report along with his findings on each charged officer. The Inquiring Authority, in his findings has stated that the charges are held proved against the charged officer, Smt. K. Rama Mani, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Gajapathinagaram and among others.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the inquiry report was communicated to the charged officer Smt. K.Rama Mani, the then MPDO, Gajapathinagaram, Vizianagaram District and among others, as per Rule (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for submitting her explanation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority. Simultaneously, in the reference 10th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PRED has been requested to apportion the total loss of Rs.4,13,962/- among three (3) Charged Officers based on the rules duly fixing the ratio and send his report so as to take further action in the matter.

6. In the reference 11th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has furnished report duly stating that the total loss of Rs.4,13,962/- caused in the matter has to be recovered equally among the above three (3) charged officers and requested the Government to take further action, being an authority to competent.

7. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officer Smt.K.Rama Mani, MPDO, has submitted her explanation stating among other things has requested to drop charges and to refund the recovered amounts to her.

8. Government have examined the matter and observe that the charge framed against all the (3) charged officers relates to "misuse of their official position in execution of five (5) works in Bangarampeta and Bhoodevipeta (V) in Gajapathinagaram Mandal in Vizianagaram District by incurring expenditure of Rs.4,13,962/-"has been held proved in the regular inquiry. Hence, Government have decided to impose a minor penalty under Rule-9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against the charged officer and to refund an amount of Rs. 68,994/- to her by way of adjustment of previous amount Rs.2,06,981/- already recovered from her.

9. Government hereby order to impose a penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule-9 (iv) of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. K.Rama Mani, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Gajapathinagaram and presently working as Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Ramabadrapuram, Vizianagaram District and to refund an amount of Rs.68,994/- to Smt. K.Rama Mani, the then MPDO, Gajapathinagaram by way of adjustment of previous amount Rs.2,06,981/- already recovered from her.

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10. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District is requested to take necessary action accordingly in the matter. She is also requested to take further necessary action in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Vizianagaram to refund an amount of Rs.68,994/- to the individual by way of adjustment of previous amount Rs.2,06,981/- already recovered from her in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District
Smt. K. Rama Mani, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Gajapathinagaram and presently working as Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Ramabadrapuram, Vizianagaram District **through** the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish served copy to Govt.,)
The Engineer- in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Vizianagaram

**Copy to:-**

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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The PR&RD (Estt. V) Department.
Govt.Pleader (Ser.IV), A.P. High Court.
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